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E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRANSPORT WORKERS' UNIONS (ZENKOUN) KUROKAWA CALLED ON EMBOFFS AUGUST 12 TO EXPLAIN PURPOSES AND ORGANIZATION OF FORTHCOMING ASIAN TRANSPORT WORKERS' "SEMINAR" (REFTEL) AND TO INFORM US THAT, IN HIS CAPACITY AS VICE PRESIDENT OF FEDERATION OF PRIVATE RAILWAY WORKERS (SHITETSU SOREN), HE SENDING LETTER TODAY TO RAILWAY CLERKS (BRAC) PRESIDENT DENNIS INVITING BRAC OR OTHER U.S. TRANSPORT UNION TO SEND OBSERVER TO SEMINAR AT SHITETSU SOREN EXPENSE.

2. KUROKAWA SAID THAT ZENKOUN HAS REJECTED SOVIET AID OFFERS AND IS COVERING ALL COSTS OF SEMINAR, HAS INVITED CONFIDENTIAL

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TRANSPORT UNIONS FROM ALL ASIAN COUNTRIES EAST OF PAKISTAN REGARDLESS OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL (I.E. ICFTU VS. WFTU) TIES, (COMMENT: HE OBVIOUSLY IGNORED TAIWAN) AND INTENDS TO TRY TO KEEP AGENDA FREE FROM POLITICAL DEBATE.

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KUROKAWA ADMITTED THAT SOVIETS, WHO ARE FIELDING LARGEST (8-MAN) DELEGATION, WILL PROBABLY DELIVER POLITICAL SPEECHES CALLING FOR NEW ASIAN TRADE ORGANIZATION AND CRITICIZING CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY. HE ALSO ADMITTED THAT NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SPEND ITS TIME URGING UNIFICATION OF KOREA PENINSULA ON THE NORTH'S TERMS AND ATTACKING ROK GOVERNMENT. KUROKAWA ALSO DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF SEMINAR PASSING RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING NORTH KOREAN SPONSORED ONE ENDORSING THEIR POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE IN UNGA. HOWEVER, KUROKAWA FIRMLY RULED OUT POSSIBILITY THAT SEMINAR WOULD TRANSFORM ITSELF INTO SOME TYPE OF PERMANENT ORGANIZATION, ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT SET DATE FOR ANOTHER SIMILAR CONCLAVE.

3. KUROKAWA REAFFIRMED THAT BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA HAVE BEEN INVITED, BUT THAT NO REPLY RECEIVED FROM SOUTH. HE WAS UNABLE (OR UNWILLING) TO IDENTIFY ROK LABOR ORGANIZATIONS TO WHOM INVITATIONS SENT (ZENKOUN HOUSE ORGAN DATED JULY 1 REPORTED THAT INVITATION SENT TWICE TO SOUTH KOREAN UNIONS, BUT THAT THEY UN-LIKELY TO ACCEPT BECAUSE THEY SUBJECT TO "ANTI-DEMOCRATIC REPRESSION" BY PARK REGIME). KUROKAWA ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NORTH KOREANS AGREED TO PARTICIPATE AFTER THEY LEARNED THAT NO REPLY HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM SOUTH KOREAN UNIONS. WHEN QUESTIONED BY EMBOFF, KUROKAWA CLAIMED THAT DELEGATE FROM "GENUINE" TRANSPORT WORKERS' UNION FROM ROK WOULD BE WELCOMED.

4. KUROKAWA SAID HE VISITED PEKING IN JUNE IN EFFORT TO PERSUADE CHINESE TO PARTICIPATE. SECRETARY GENERAL OF CHINESE LABOR CONFEDERATION HAN HSI-YA TOLD KUROKAWA THAT CHINESE WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE AND WERE OPPOSED TO ORGANIZATION OF SEMINAR ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS BEING UTILIZED BY SOVIETS AS FORUM TO FACILITATE "SOCIAL IMPERIALIST" CONTACTS WITH WESTERN ORIENTED UNIONS.

5. COMMENT: KUROKAWA, LIKE ALL OTHER SHITETSU SOREN
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TOP OFFICERS, IS NON-COMMUNIST ASSOCIATED WITH MODERATE WING OF SOHYO. AS VICE PRESIDENT OF SHITETSU SOREN, HE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN EXPANDING EXCHANGES WITH U.S. TRANSPORT UNIONS. IN HIS MEETING WITH US TODAY, HE APPEARED GENUINELY CONCERNED THAT HIS IDENTIFICATION WITH FORTHCOMING SEMINAR WOULD SOMEHOW COMPLICATE HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS U.S. COUNTERPARTS. WE WERE LEFT WITH CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT HE IS SENDING INVITATION LETTER TO BRAC FOR FORMS SAKE AND REALLY DOES NOT EXPECT BRAC TO ACCEPT.
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